

Think Blue: Pet Waste

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Pet waste (including that associated with farm animals) is more than just a nightmare for our shoes. Just like human sewage, untreated pet fecal matter is harmful to waterways. Rain washes pet waste containing excess nitrogen and disease-causing organisms, such as giardia and salmonella, into rivers and streams via storm drains.

WHAT YOU CAN DO?

When walking your dog, always carry a plastic bag and clean up after your pet. (grocery store bags & old newspaper bags work just fine). Use the bag like a glove, pick up the pet waste, turn the bag inside out and around the waste, tie the bag and dispose in the garbage.

- Don't place pet waste in storm drains or hose pet waste toward storm drains as they drain directly to local waterways
- Clean up pet waste from your yard. You can either flush it down the toilet, dispose of it in the trash or bury it provided its away from your garden, drinking water sources, surface waters, or high traffic areas.
- Follow the NH Department of Agriculture's Best Management Practices for manure management if you have farm animals.

Pet waste disposal systems are available for when you are walking your pet in town. They can be found at:

- Court St near Bow St
- Court St across from Elm
- Court St across from Pine St
- Pine St near Front St
- Lincoln St near school parking lot
- Main St near entrance to school parking lot
- Waterfront Park
- Clemson Pond
- Gilman Park
- Oaklands Town Forest Parking lot
- Linden St at Little River

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